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# Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul applies this lesson to believers in two ways: (1) We can celebrate ultimate victory over death, and (2) We can have joyfully confident endurance in the work of the Lord. How do those encouragements apply to you today?

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